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The changes in the second edition made to conform with the present state of the science are comparatively few. One would expect, for example, to find some mention of the medico-legal bearing of the X-rays. At the end of each chapter references have been added, and in the bibliography the most recent and exhaustive treatises are included. The book seems admirably adapted for the use of students.

R. T. H.

**PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR DRAWING WILLS AND THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES IN PENNSYLVANIA.** By John Marshall Gest. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson Company. 1909. pp. xx, 152.

The writer apologetically prefaces his work with the remark of Lawyer Thompson in the Ordeal of Richard Feverel: "Ours is an occupation which dries the blood." And, indeed, the title suggests the very humdrum of law practice, — the labored efforts of the scrivener and the routine processes of administration. But the author's work belies his own confession. On the dull-est subjects its pages are illuminated by quaint illustrations drawn from Coke's Littleton, and the Doctor and Student, and other old masters in the law. The author combines the lore of the antiquary with the practical wisdom of experience. A subtle humor pervades his exposition of the most formal doctrines of the law, but the humor of the author nowhere rules his thought. The book is truly unique in that, while written in a lighter vein, it is of unusual accuracy and practical value. The chapter on drawing wills points out, as can only be done by an experienced guide, the many pitfalls that beset the path of the unwary testator, and his lawyer as well. The chapter on the settlement of estates shows a singularly intimate acquaintance with the practice in that field. The book as a whole is so well written that it is hoped that the fact that it is concerned with purely local law will not prevent it from enjoying the general circulation which it merits.

H. F. S.

**A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF FIDELITY BONDS.** By M. Barratt Walker. Baltimore: King Brothers. 1909. pp. xv, 287.

The scope of this work is very limited and the main principles of the law of suretyship are not touched upon. The author confines himself within the narrow bounds suggested by the title. Within the walls of the subject treated the book is rather a collection of cases arranged under appropriate heads and subheads, than a work in which the underlying principles of the law bearing on the subject are set forth. Indeed the author says that "most of the text is in the words of the law" and "very little in deduction or opinion by the author." This plan the writer has carried out literally, and there are long excerpts from opinions and numerous cases are cited with very little comment to point out their application. The book is rather a collection of briefs on the various topics treated with well-selected cases as authorities. As such, its use is very limited and its value will decrease as new cases are adjudicated by the courts.

S. ST. F. T.

**A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF LABOR UNIONS.** By W. A. Martin. Washington: John Byrne and Company. 1910. pp. xxv, 649.

**A LAWYER'S RECOLLECTIONS.** By George A. Torrey. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1910. pp. 227.

**A DIGEST OF ENGLISH CIVIL LAW.** By Edward Jenks. Book II, part III. London: Butterworth and Company. 1910. pp. 431-544.